



Cyber security efforts won't necessarily fall victim to budget cuts, says intel official

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Even though the axe stands ready to fall on the defense budget in the coming months, it won't necessarily sever Cyber security efforts underway in some intelligence operations, said a top government official.

In remarks at the SINET D.C. Showcase in Washington on Oct. 25, Stephanie O'Sullivan, principal deputy director of National Intelligence at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) said although the threat from deep budget cuts in the new year are another game-changer for U.S. intelligence and Cyber security, her agency remains committed to maintaining and advancing some core capabilities and research.

The SINET [Security Innovation Network] Showcase is sponsored in part by DHS' Science and Technology Directorate and is aimed at bringing budding companies together with private investors to accelerate technological capabilities.

ODNI, said O'Sullivan, has maintained a relatively stable budget for Cyber and intel operations, she said. "Flat is the new up," she said referring to her agency's static budget levels. Despite sluggish budgeting, she said, ODNI remains committed to maintaining three key areas: workforce, research & development and Cyber security.

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